

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OVERSIGHT, ELECTIONS, AND ETHICS

Wednesday, June 8, 2005 9:30 a.m. Room 326 House Office Building

Representative Chris Ward, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to approve the minutes of the **April 13, 2005** meeting, **Representative Gaffney supported the** motion.

The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid **SB's 512 and 513** before the committee.

SB 512 Hammerstrom Libraries; district; filing deadline for board member election; revise and revise certification process.

SB 513 Hammerstrom Elections; other; regular, school district, village, and recall elections; provide general amendments.

Amy Zaagman from **Senator Hammerstrom's** office explained the bills to the committee. She also explained the proposed **(H-1)** substitutes to both **SB 512** and **SB 513**.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, spoke in support of **SB 512**.

Nick Bozen, Legislative Liaison for the Department of History, Arts and Libraries, submitted a card in support of **SB 512** but did not wish to speak.

Deb Mexicotte, representing the Ann Arbor Board of Education, submitted a card in support of **SB 513** but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid **SB's 514 and 515** before the committee.

SB 514 Cassis Education; school districts; certain references to election law in revised school code; correct.

SB 515 Cassis Higher education; community colleges; filing deadline for college trustee; revise and eliminate requirement that community college election be held same time as school elections.

Amy Zaagman from **Senator Hammerstrom's** office explained the bills to the committee.

Bob Morris, representing the Department of Education, submitted a card in support of **SB 514** but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid **SB's 516, 517 and 518** before the committee.

SB 516 Allen Villages; home rule; terms of office; clarify.

SB 517 Allen Cities; home rule; terms of office; clarify.

SB 518 Allen Villages; general law; terms of office; clarify.

Amy Zaagman from **Senator Hammerstrom's** office explained the bills to the committee. She also explained the proposed **(H-1)** substitutes to **SB 516, SB 517 and SB 518**.

Chris Thomas, representing the Secretary of State, spoke in support of **SB's 512-518**. He answered questions about **SB's 516, 517 and 518**.

Summer Minnick, representing the Michigan Municipal League, submitted a card in support of **SB's 516, 517 and 518** but did not wish to speak.

Doug Novak, representing the Secretary of the State, submitted a card in support of **SB's 512-518** but did not wish to speak.

Brad Wittman, representing the Secretary of the State, submitted a card in support of **SB's 512-518** but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid **HB 4217** before the committee.

HB 4217 Rocca Elections; petitions; ballot language printed on front of petition; require and establish that if circulator is being paid, it must be printed on front of petition.

Representative Rocca explains his bill. He also explained the proposed **(H-1)** substitute to his bill.

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, spoke in opposition to **HB 4217**.

The Chair laid **HB 4801** before the committee.

HB 4801 David Law Elections; recounts; recount deposit; increase to 100% of estimated cost of the recount.

Representative David Law and **Nancy Strole**, Clerk of Springfield Township, explained the bill.

Susan Kaltenbach, representing County Clerks and Municipal Clerks, testified with a neutral position on **HB 4801** and answers questions.

Chris Thomas, representing the Secretary of State, testified with a neutral position on **HB 4801**.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, spoke in support of **HB 4801** with some changes.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a card in support of the concept of **HB 4801** but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid **HB 4328** before the committee.

HB 4328 Drolet Elections; petitions; size of initiative and referendum petition form; revise.

Representative Drolet explained his bill.

The Chair returned to the consideration of **HB 4217**.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to **HB 4217**, **Representative Gaffney** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to report with recommendation **HB 4217** as substitute (H-1), **Representative Gaffney** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **3-2-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer and Gaffney.

Nays: Representatives Meisner and Gillard.

Pass: None.

HB 4217 reported out as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The Chair returned to the consideration of **HB 4328**.

Representative Gaffney moved to adopt substitute **(H-2)** to **HB 4328**, **Representative Elsenheimer** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to report with recommendation **HB 4328** as substitute **(H-2)**, **Representative Gaffney** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

The Chair returned to the consideration of **HB 4801**.

Representative Gaffney moved to adopt substitute **(H-2)** to **HB 4801**, **Representative Elsenheimer** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Elsenheimer offered the following amendments to **HB 4801 (H-2)**:

1. Amend page 1, line 8, after “**0.5%**” by inserting “**OR 50 VOTES, WHICHEVER IS GREATER**”.
2. Amend page 3, line 1, after “**0.5%**” by inserting “**OR 50 VOTES, WHICHEVER IS GREATER**”.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to adopt the amendments, **Representative Gaffney** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Gaffney moved to report with recommendation **HB 4801** as substitute (**H-3**), **Representative Elsenheimer** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **3-0-2 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer and Gaffney

Nays: None.

Pass: Representatives Meisner and Gillard.

HB 4801 reported out as substitute (H-3), with recommendation.

The Chair returned to the consideration of **SB 512**.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to adopt substitute (**H-1**) to **SB 512**, **Representative Gaffney** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Gaffney moved to report with recommendation **SB 512** as substitute (**H-1**), **Representative Elsenheimer** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

SB 512 reported out as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The Chair returned to the consideration of **SB 513**.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to adopt substitute **(H-1)** to **SB 513**, **Representative Gaffney** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Gaffney moved to report with recommendation **SB 513** as substitute **(H-1)**, **Representative Elsenheimer** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

SB 513 reported out as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The Chair returned to the consideration of **SB 514**.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to report **SB 514** with recommendation, **Representative Gaffney** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

SB 514 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair returned to the consideration of **SB 515**.

Representative Gaffney moved to report **SB 515** with recommendation, **Representative Elsenheimer** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

SB 515 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair returned to the consideration of **SB 516**.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to adopt substitute **(H-1)** to **SB 516**, **Representative Gaffney** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Gaffney moved to report with recommendation **SB 516** as substitute **(H-1)**, **Representative Elsenheimer** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

SB 516 reported out as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The Chair returned to the consideration of **SB 517**.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to adopt substitute **(H-1)** to **SB 517**, **Representative Gaffney** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Gaffney moved to report with recommendation **SB 517** as substitute **(H-1)**, **Representative Elsenheimer** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

SB 517 reported out as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The Chair returned to the consideration of **SB 518**.

Representative Elsenheimer moved to adopt substitute **(H-1)** to **SB 518**, **Representative Gaffney** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Gaffney moved to report with recommendation **SB 517** as substitute **(H-1)**, **Representative Elsenheimer** supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a **5-0-0 vote**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

SB 518 reported out as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

With no further business to come before the committee, **the chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **11:07 a.m.**

Representative Chris Ward

Date Approved and signed

Remecia Taylor
Assistant Committee Clerk
Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
June 8, 2005
1 hour 37 minutes